

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 24, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Skaug, Alfieri

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Vice Chairman Young** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2023 and February 21, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30427:** **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 30427**, proposed legislation assuring spectators to any Idaho school sporting event are guaranteed the option to use cash as a payment for entry.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30427**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30415C1:** **Rep. Necochea** presented **RS 30415C1**, proposed legislation prohibiting the Executive Branch and county commissioners from disseminating electioneering messages via the State Tax Commission and property tax correspondence.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30415C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30303C2:** **Sen. Hart** presented **RS 30303C2**, a proposed Joint Memorial requesting Congress to limit the jurisdiction of the lower federal courts from hearing the cases that relate to state legislative authority to pass laws regarding abortion. Those cases would then be heard in the state courts, which would be in accordance with the findings of the Supreme Court as expressed in the Dobbs Decision.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30303C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 29:** **Reps. Gannon** and **Crane (12)** presented **H 29**, legislation placing a six month pause between serving in the Legislature and when a former legislator may register as a lobbyist. Rep. Crane requested **H 29** be held in committee.

**RS: 30398:** **Reps. Gannon** and **Crane (12)** presented **RS 30398**, proposed legislation prohibiting a Legislator, Executive Branch employee or a state official from registering to be a lobbyist for a period of six months after termination of service. Individuals would be able to be employed by employers who lobby, however, they would not be able to register as a lobbyist. Rep. Gannon stated several exemptions are provided in **RS 30398** such as, working for a state agency. In response to committee questions, Rep. Gannon indicated an increasing number of legislators are working as registered lobbyists and, while there is nothing wrong with that, perception is important and the public needs to know, their elected officials are primarily working to represent them.

**MOTION:** Rep. Allgood made a motion to **HOLD H 29** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Palmer asked for a point of order regarding public testimony on **H 29**.

Cindy Thorngren testified in support of **H 29** and stated **H 29** allows Legislators to show a sincerity to the public. Ms. Thorngren remarked elected officials should not use their office to increase their bottom line.

**MOTION:** Rep. Green made a motion to return **RS 30398** to sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps Crane (13), Young, and Crane (12)** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

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Representative Young  
Chair

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Lisa Hendricks  
Secretary